

MILESTONES OF 1964

Where did the year go? We believe it went well and left marks by which it can be remembered.

We all enjoyed the important benefits of an uninterrupted work schedule providing full employment throughout the year. We were the first private company in this area to institute a tree planting program by which the planting of 200,000 seedlings will provide future timber harvests and jobs as well as wildlife cover and water conservation.

We contributed materials to our Alaskan neighbors in their time of need resulting from a disastrous earthquake. We received bigger paychecks in June as arrived upon in mutual agreements and understandings.

We saw the Western Pine Association and the West Coast Lumbermen's Association merge into the Western Wood Products Association to form a stronger forest products industry association.

We provided a new Manitowoc loader to the Woods operation to give added mobility to our selective cutting program. We installed a new dryer in our plywood plant increasing efficiency of operations and providing additional jobs and income.

We attended the MEDCO picnic which was thoroughly enjoyed by all 1900 of us. The national elections came and went and a good number of us exercised our freedom by voting.

The American Plywood Association instituted a stronger quality control and testing program to maintain plywood as a prime building material. And we slipped into the Holiday seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas still wondering where the year went.

Usher: "How far down do you want to sit?"

Little Old Lady: "All the way. I'm very tired."

BIGGEST PRESS IN AREA

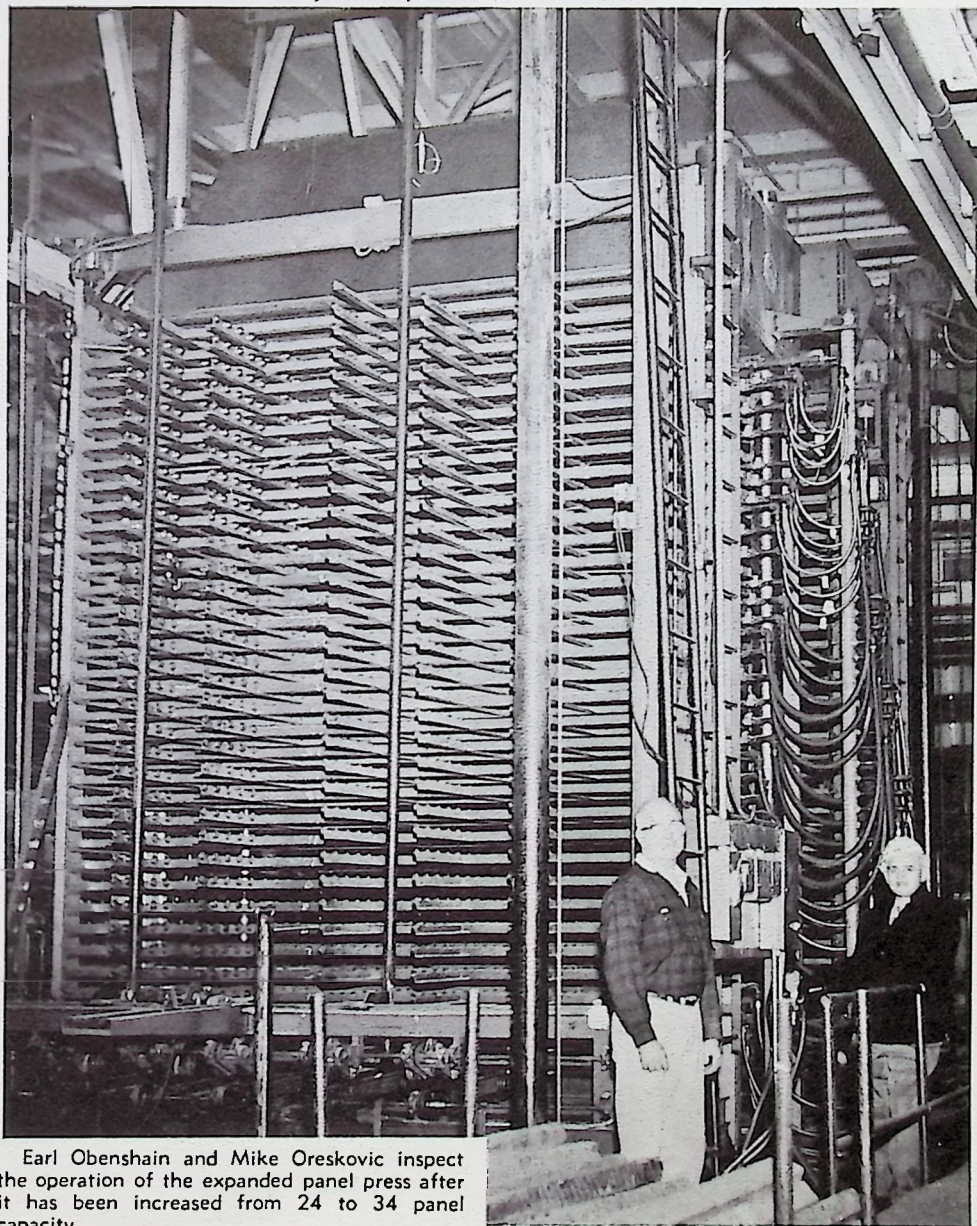
During the Holiday shutdown, Mike Oreskovic, Earl Obenshain and several of the plywood plant men enlarged the 5x10 press from a 24 panel capacity to 34 panels, making it the largest capacity press we know of in the plywood industry.

The additional 10 platens were installed by working long hard hours and Mike asked specifically that those men be commended for the job they did.

"They really worked," repeated Mike several times during the interview.

Just adding the platens to the press did not complete the job as the charger and unloader had to be modified also.

The capacity of this new press with 5x10 panels of $\frac{3}{8}$ is now up to 3,853 feet. When pressing 1 1-16" panels in 5x10 the total weight of a load is 4,263 pounds.



Earl Obenshain and Mike Oreskovic inspect the operation of the expanded panel press after it has been increased from 24 to 34 panel capacity.

FLOOD REPORT FROM WOODS

The editor drove to Butte Falls and talked to Sherley Hatcher about the results and damage the flood caused to company roads, bridges and fills.

Sherley was a little tired as he had been going seven days a week trying to keep culverts open and checking on damages. He reported about 100 feet of the Laurelhurst Loop on "A" road taken out by a slide with two other bad slides on "A" road in the Smith Creek area. There is numerous other smaller slides.

One of the major slides on "A" road will be extremely difficult to repair as it involves three roads, stair-stepped over each other.

Sherley said we lost all of the old railroad bridges except one. The plugged culverts diverted water over the roadway and caused considerable damage in many areas but can be quickly repaired when the weather improves.

All the fill on the O & C road on Section 9 has been washed away leaving the culvert lying high and dry. The creek has cut a new channel, completely changing the culvert location for future use.

At the time the editor was there, the slopes had as much snow as was there at the time of the warm rains causing the flood and there has been considerable snow since then. With snow presenting the main obstacle at that time . . . it must really be the big problem at present. The snowfall at Butte Falls reached 18 inches between Christmas and New Years.

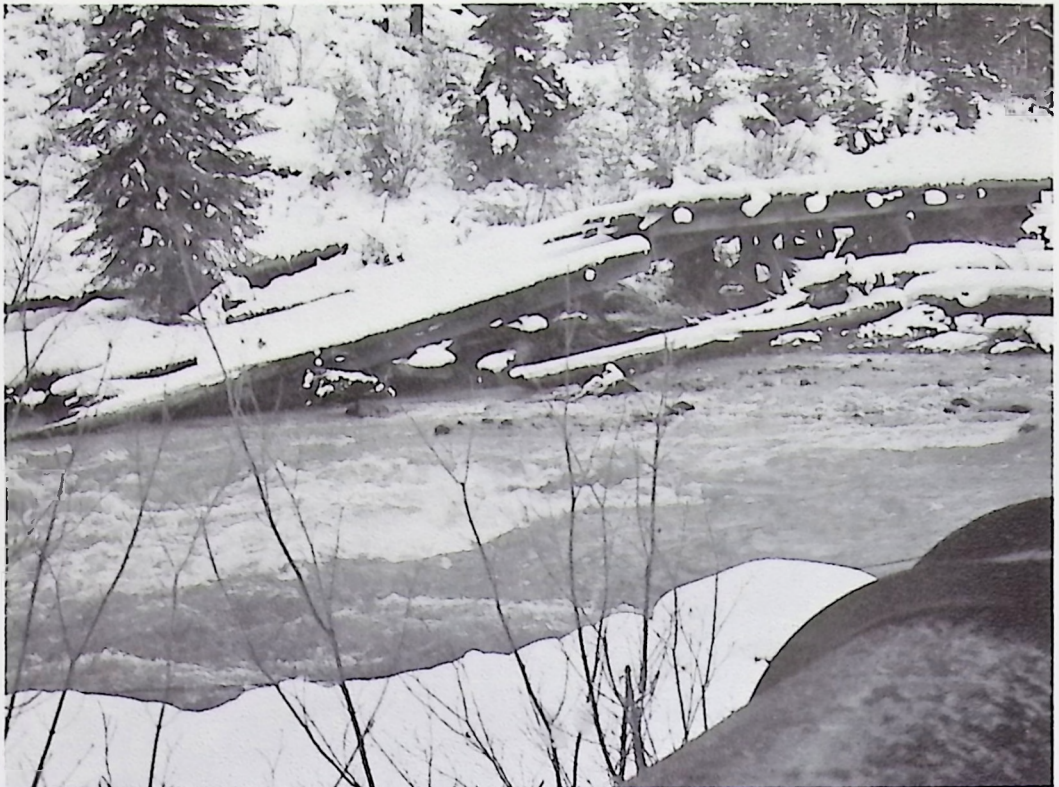
The Rancheria Road had a big slide which required a day and a half to clear with a Cat and Sherley reports it will require considerable rock and dirt moving to get it back into good condition.

Sherley was optimistic about logging prospects however as the Rancheria, Doubleday and Grizzly shows can be operated soon after the weather clears and the snow is gone so cleanup can be started.

Ain't It So . . .

Lady of the house: "I don't need none."

Salesman: "How do you know? I might be selling grammar books."



The old bridge just outside Butte Falls came out second-best in it's bout with the flood waters . . . but then the snow came and covered some of the wounds so they can't be seen.



The truck scaling station near Butte Falls shows no sign of activity as the blanket of snow lies undisturbed over the area.

EX-EMPLOYEE WRITES

Mr. Bud Nutting received a note from Carl Carlson and Mrs. Carlson during the Holidays. They are now living in Swan Lake Mira Loma, California and enjoying retirement. Both are in good health and planning a visit to Medford later this year. Carl retired from MEDCO some time ago but still holds a place in his heart for all his friends still here.

SAVED BY DESERT POND

The value of the Desert Pond has been proven without any qualifications during the recent flood and heavy snowfall. Without this supply of logs we would not be able to operate and as a result several of us would be without paychecks.

This is another example of the value of long-range planning to make your company one which can be counted upon to meet emergencies, provide products for our customers, jobs for the employees and be an economic asset to our community.



The huge pile of hams and turkeys didn't last long when the plywood plant employees filed by and received their Holiday dinner, com-

FLOOD RELIEF

Medford Corporation responded to a plea for help with flood relief issued in the area by the coordinated offices of Civil Defense and the Red Cross.

These two agencies working jointly issued an appeal for building materials to repair a number of homes damaged by flood and high water during the recent Holiday disaster.

We made available a truck of construction grades of plywood to be used for the purpose of making several homes livable again. It is well to note in these instances the act of helping at times can exceed the value of the gift as it is a tremendous morale booster to let those in need know they do not face their troubles alone.



Christmas turkey and ham was distributed at the sawmill on December 22nd with each employee receiving his choice for a Holiday dinner for himself and his family.

pliments of the company. We didn't get the exact number of hams and birds but it was a good size truckload.

MARKET REPORT

Ed Nave and Dick Atterbury feel that, for the Sales Department at least, the New Year is starting off on the right foot. The recent adverse weather conditions in the West have affected production levels and the customers in the consuming areas are reacting by putting on their "buying shoes."

The market obviously isn't going to be red-hot because old man Winter still prevails in the Eastern areas too, but the conditions do appear more favorable than the latter part of 1964.

It is still too early to make any predictions for the coming year so we'll watch the market report with interest as the sales and acceptance of our products by our customers, at a fair price, is a very important ingredient in our success.

CREDIT UNION MEETING

Medco Federal Credit Union will hold their annual meeting, Sunday, Jan. 24, 1965 at 1:30 pm at Knights of Columbus Hall on Black Oak Drive off Barnett Rd. The meeting will be open to all Medco employees and their families. This is your Credit Union, come and help elect your officers for next year and support the ones you have. Each member has one vote. Refreshments will be served.

PLYWOOD QUALITY CONTROL

As a result of past poor quality control practices on the part of **some** plywood manufacturers the American Plywood Association has taken steps to insure the quality of DFPA plywood going to the market place. This move was necessitated to protect plywood's share of the building materials market which in turn is of vital concern to everyone of us as our jobs and our livelihood depend on the acceptance of our products by consumers.

Some areas were promulgating plans that would have made it virtually impossible to ship plywood there. These restrictions applied both to grades required on specific jobs and to licensing agreements with various municipalities ranging to \$200.00 for each city's license. These moves were prompted by the receipt of "inferior" grades of plywood panels which they considered dangerous to use on building projects.

The program undertaken by the APA went into effect on January 4, 1965. It covers a higher performance requirement in veneer grades, interior and exterior glue line qualities and on increased number of samples taken to test performance ability. If the rigid requirements for quality are not maintained the enforcement is more severe than in the past. Mills falling below the quality requirements will have their grade-trademark stamps withdrawn in periods as short as 24 hours.

We at MEDCO are fortunate that our changes required to meet these new standards will be few as we are already a quality conscious operation. What we will have to watch closer than ever is our **attention** to these requirement standards so that we do not rest on our laurels and fall into production slips and mishaps due to lack of follow-up and proper regard for our jobs.

FLOOD LOSSES

We have inquired around in the plants and from every source to determine if any of our MEDCO family has suffered a loss of their home, household goods or personal belongings. We have not heard of anyone as yet but stand ready to lend a hand if someone is in need . . . (the editor).

PLANT VISITORS

Our year end count shows that over 1800 visitors were officially logged into our plant during 1964 to view our integrated operations. This is an average of better than 150 persons per month. Visitors came from every part of the United States and several foreign countries.

The highest single month was August with a total of 488 persons visiting our operations. This coincides closely with the height of the tourist season in our area. So in addition to being the best plant in the area we can also lay claim to being the most visited and perhaps the recognition as a tourist attraction for Southern Oregon.

On the serious side for a moment we feel that this number of visitors is an excellent testimonial to the quality of our employees, the good reputation of our plant and recognition of the value of our company to the welfare of our community.

KITCHEN KORNER

We asked for unusual recipes and we have received some which were certainly not prepared in many homes regularly . . . but the one for this month we most heartily endorse for every household.

Mrs. Wm. C. Hayes contributed the following recipe for which we wish to thank her sincerely.

Wedding Cake

Devotion - 5 pounds, Extract of Faithfulness - 3 pounds, Heartfelt Satisfaction - 4 quarts, Prudence - 1 pound, Confidence and Mutual Forbearance - 2 pounds, Gentleness and Modesty - 8 ounces each, Matrimonial Fidelity - 2 pounds, Economy - 1 pound, Virtue - 1 pound, Wisdom and Experience - 15 ounces, Sweetness and Disposition - 7 pints, Balm for a thousand ills - 1 quart, Cream of Excellence - 5 pints, Milk of Human Kindness - 1 gallon, Common Sense - 100 grains.

Mix ingredients thoroughly with cheerfulness . . . pour into a bowl of domestic happiness . . . lubricate with the oil of gladness.

Bake in the oven of double blessedness . . . heated by the fire of love.

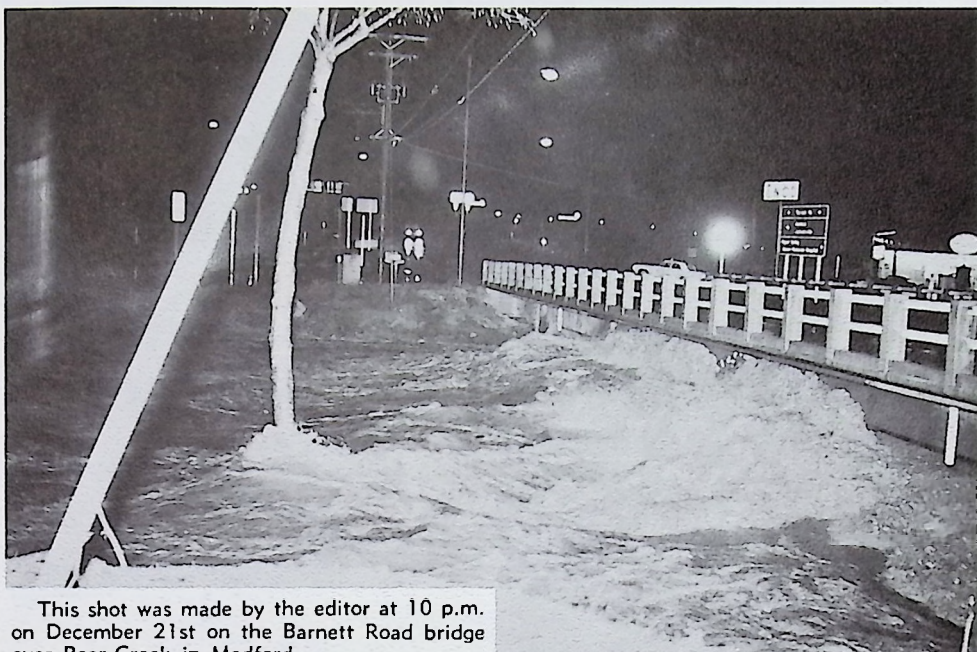
Thank you again Mrs. Hayes, we are sure that with all the proper ingredients . . . the end result can only be successful.

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This shot was made by the editor at 10 p.m. on December 21st on the Barnett Road bridge over Bear Creek in Medford.



At 8:55 p.m. on December 22nd the center span of the Shady Cove bridge went down and the 2nd span crumbled about 1 1/2 hours later.

On January 2nd, no sign of the bridge had been found. Most of the flood damage in Shady Cove is north of the river.